MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; but this was subsequently surrendered on account of financial stringency. A small sum was reappropriated subsequently to complete the bridge and culvert in the 2nd and 3rd miles.

Ryots' roads in the Pattanamtitta taluk.

138. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : With reference to the reply to the representation at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, (*vide* page 211, para 6, of the *Assembly Proceedings*), will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has seen the roads referred to therein ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for the delay ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) There was no necessity for the Chief Engineer to inspect the roads personally nor did the Dewan's reply to the member prescribe such an inspection. The expression used by the Dewan simply constituted an instruction to the Chief Engineer to ascertain if the roads satisfy the conditions, which he did by the usual departmental procedure.

The delay in taking over the roads is due to the fact that the roads are not fit to be taken over as they have not been properly cut according to the terms of the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : In regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know what are the terms of the Ryots' Roads Rules ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : They have already been published in the *Gazette*. One of the rules is that the width of the road should not be less than 22 feet.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether any of these roads satisfies the Rules ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The report of the Chief Engineer states that none of the roads mentioned by the member satisfies the conditions of the Ryots' Roads Rules.

Accommodation in the Vernacular School, Pulimat.

135. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the working of the Vernacular School at Pulimat in the Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present strength of the school ;

(*b*) the total area of the class rooms, in square feet ;

(*c*) whether the total area of the class rooms provide accommodation to all the pupils, and, if not, for how many ;

(*d*) whether the school was closed for any extraordinary reasons during the current school year, and, if so, for how many days and for what reason ; and

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